

the **PRIMARY REGULATOR**

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays, etc., etc. I would also like to wish you and yours, a most prosperous and Happiest of New Years possible!

I would like to thank all those who took part in this years SCUBA Santa, not only those individuals who busted butt the day of the event but those who worked days prior to the event preparing all the logistics, and also all those individuals who showed up to take part in the event and invited their friends and family to join in, A Big Thank You To All! The toys that were collected have been delivered to St Vincent De Paul Village and have been distributed to the children. Father Joe personally sends

his thank you and God Bless to everyone who was involved.

It's been a busy month. Along with SCUBA Santa, we had a multitude of travelers head up to Disneyland to enjoy Holiday parades and activities, we did a dive at the Marine Room, and we had a great turnout for the San Diego Bay, Parade of Lights. Along with being a busy month, it's been a busy year: Bonaire, Catalina Island multiple times, Santa Barbara Island, San Clemente Island, Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, Dive-A-Thon, pancake breakfasts, 3R's, Bar-B-Q's, movies on the beach and lots, and lots of diving. Thanks to all who have made all these events possible, and extremely successful!

Now that the year is over and a new year is upon us, it means it's time for a change of guard. We will be taking nominations for officer's positions this month. Those nominations will then be post in the February newsletter for everyone to review, followed by elections at the February meeting. If you have never been an officer before, please think about getting more involved, it is not as difficult as some make it out to be, and it is definitely a rewarding experience. I hope to see you all at the next meeting and...

I'll see you in the water,

Rich Burns - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Jan. 5 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for January is:

Open Carosel & Officer Nominations

Bring those slides and videos that you have been dying to show the Club to our January meeting. We will have a Member's Showcase where members bring slides, digital images, or videos to show the group.

We will also be holding nominations for Club Officers.

The Elections will be held in February.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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**January is a
Quarterly Drawing
Month!!**

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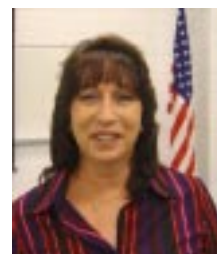
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Club Historian



Betty Parrish

Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a member of the club. Joining is simple. Fill out an application at a club meeting. First years dues are \$30.00. Renewing membership is \$20.00. Renewals are not accepted at the store or through the mail. If you have a question regarding membership, lost cards, or you're not receiving your newsletters, contact the Vice president.

Membership Benefits

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear
- 10% discount on dive gear rentals
- 10% on continuing education classes
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- Quarterly buddy lists
- Comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter
- Entertaining and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly scheduled club dives
- Meet new friends & dive buddies
- Group travel to exotic diving locations
- Ocean, lake and beach cleanup events
- Special members only events
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffles

Monthly Raffles

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that nights raffle prizes.

Sport Chalet Stores

- Pt. Loma
(619)224-6777
- La Jolla
(858) 453-5656
- Mission Valley
(619)718-7070

Sport Tours

(800) 660-2754
FAX (818) 249-8877

Club Website

www.sandiegodiveclub.com

Quarterly Raffles

Save your losing tickets for the quarterly meeting when we draw a grand prize from the losing tickets of that night and the two previous meetings. Quarterly raffle months are:

January, April, July, October

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with other members of the club (cartoons, articles, dive log, etc.), submissions for the newsletter may be made in the following manner:

USMail:

San Diego Dive Club
P.O. Box 81678
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

Phone: (619)225-9051

E-mail: pbrooks2@cox.net

Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Club Meeting 7:00	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 BBQ & Dive La Jolla Shores pg 3
15	16	17	18 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 2006 Events Calendar			

San Diego Dive Club – January 2006 Dive!

La Jolla Ecological Reserve

<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/sio/ocean/uwpk/>

Date: January 14th, 2006

Time: Noon - BYO BBQ & Dive @ 1:30 PM

Location: Kellogg Park near the Lifeguard

Tower

Corner of Vallecitos & Camino Del Oro,
northwest corner of the park
8200 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, CA

Divemasters:

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BYO BBQ: We'll bring the grills and means to grill, and the paper plates to eat them on. You bring the stuff to grill, and the condiments to embellish them with, and the drinks to wash them down with. We will all enjoy ourselves with a nice BBQ before the dive.

Parking: It is winter so there should be parking in the lot. Find parking and bring your gear to the grassy area directly behind the Lifeguard Tower. If you can't find parking, pull into the white loading zone, unload your gear (quickly), and then go find parking.

Entry: We will probably enter near the south showers and head straight out west. Other entries may be chosen if conditions are exceptional and the divers are advanced.

Features: Above 50 feet, it is mostly sand. There is a nice terraced wall at Vallecitos Point. Heading north or south from there the walls taper off into sandy draws. Just north is the Fringehead City, Secret Garden, the North Wall, and the Way North Wall. Just south is the Cabezon Cruiser, the South Wall, and the Marine Room.

Marine Life: Spiny lobster, stingrays, Sheepshead, Kelp & Barred Sand Bass, Painted Greenlings, various small to large crabs, octopi, and various nudibranchs. Piddocks, anemones, sea pens, sea pansies, sand dollars, and starfish. Tiny Skeleton Shrimp and other very small critters. Bat Rays, Horn sharks, and Shovel Nose Guitar fish.

Directions: Head west on La Jolla Pkwy. Go to the bottom of the hill, turn right on La Jolla Shores Drive. Turn left on Vallecitos. The park is at the corner of Vallecitos and Camino del Oro. For parking, turn right on Camino del Oro and left into the parking lot. We will be at the northwest corner of the park near the Lifeguard Tower.



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters January 2006

Reservations can be made at any Sport
Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation
office at

800-348-3794.

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
14-Jan	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Jan	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
15-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
15-Jan	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Advanced Only	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
21-Jan	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
21-Jan	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$147	1/20,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
21-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
22-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
22-Jan	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 3 Tank	\$90	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
22-Jan	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
28-Jan	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
28-Jan	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 3 Tank	\$90	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
28-Jan	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-Jan	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Jan	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Jan	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$105	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday January 18

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of January (**Jan 18**), at :

[Leonardo's Cafe Italia., 7091 El Cajon Blvd. La Mesa.](#)

The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.

**Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island
April 7th – 9th, 2006**

We are finalizing details for our Springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 7th through the 9th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday, the 7th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 9th. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$110* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and a pasta dinner on Friday night and a Carne and Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q and movies on Saturday night. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner.

We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Scott Brown

Del Mar Life Guard Training:

Enrique Montoya of the Del Mar Life Guard service joined us to discuss Life Guard training and operations in Del Mar. He went into detail of the various situations that they are presented with, how they respond and handle them, and how they train to address them. He discussed their numerous search and rescue techniques that are used and some of the specialized equipment that is employed in those search and rescues. He also discussed how we as divers can assist and what to be aware of during our dives and in emergency situations. We would like to thank the Del Mar Life Guard service for there time and enlightening discussion.

Membership Please welcome these new and renewing members...		
New members		Renewals
No New Members		Leslie Peariso

Raffle

Here are the winners from December's raffle

- Barbara Lloyd - Dive Parka
- Cody Gilstrap - Lift Bag; 2006 Dive Calendar
- Dave McNair - U/W Playing Cards
- Dave Pierce - Dive Mask, Frameless
- Mike Petschek - Gift Basket, Dive Cyl Key fob
- Steve Anderson - Pelican Box w/Lock

At our next meeting in January we will accept nominations for each of the officer positions. Elections are scheduled for February.

President: Coordinates activities. The President presides over club and officer meetings and writes the monthly update for the newsletter. Arranges for meeting room rental as needed. Interacts with other outside agencies to represent the club.

Vice President: Takes charge of membership issues and acts as a back-up for the President.

Secretary: Takes meeting minutes at officer meetings. Takes notes on raffle winners at club meetings.

Treasurer: Spends the club's money. Works with store personnel to obtain raffle prizes. Maintains checking account and keeps checking account in balance.

Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for keeping and setting up audio/video equipment at each club meeting.

Entertainment Coordinator: Finds guest speakers to provide education and entertainment for our meetings.

Dive Coordinator: Arranges for monthly dives. Obtains Divemasters as needed to lead each dive. Not required to be a Divemaster.

Newsletter editor: Creates the monthly newsletter from input from members, officers and Sport Chalet.

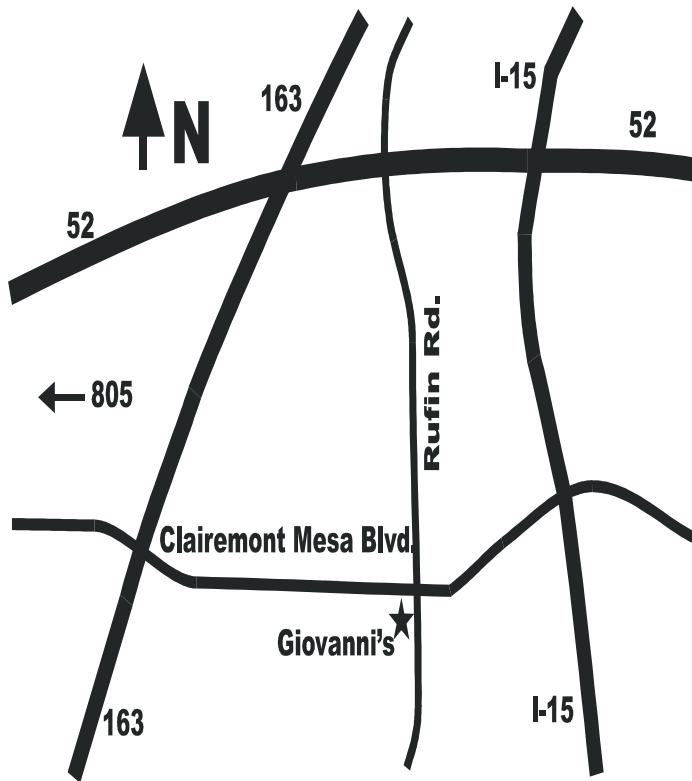
Public Relations: Provides pre and post club activity information to diving magazines, radio and television. Interfaces with other public services to coordinate activities (police, fire, blood bank, etc.)

Historian: Retains all club newsletters and photographs. Takes photos of unique club events. Compiles statistics from club's operation.

Store Representative: Attends each club meeting to bring important store sales, classes and new products to the attention of club members. This position should be held by a Sport Chalet Store Employee.

We welcome any kind of help you'd be willing to offer. You do not have to be an officer to lend a hand.

Think about it. Think about who might be a good candidate for an officer position. **Dive in!**



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd**

**From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa on the West
side of Ruffin**

**January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly
meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.**

**The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from
the previous two months.**

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!***

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Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.
